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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The notice of allowable subject matter in the office action mailed 7/24/08 is withdrawn and prosecution reopened. While the references do not teach an alkyl salicylate meeting the limitations of type (A) of amended claim 1, Katafuchi and Chambard do teach an alkylsalicylate meeting the limitations of type (B) of claim 1, as discussed in the office action mailed 12/27/07. As the alkylsalicylate of type (A) is an optional component, and can be replaced by the alkylsalicylate of type (B), the claims are still obvious over the references of record. The examiner regrets the error.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 3 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim, amend the claim to place the claim in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claims in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to require that one of R¹ and R² in formula (1) is an alkyl group which has 10 to 40 carbon atoms, and the other is a hydrocarbon group which has less than 5 carbon atoms and may contain oxygen or nitrogen. Claim 3, which depends on claim 1, recites the requirement that either one of R¹ and R² is an alkyl group with 10 to 40 carbon atoms, but limits the other to less than 10 carbon atoms, which is broader than the limitation of the parent claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-9, 11, and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katafuchi.

The rejections of claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-9, 11, and 14-15 are adequately set forth in paragraph 2 of the office action mailed 12/27/07, and paragraph 2 of the office action mailed 7/24/08, which are incorporated here by reference. In particular, Katafuchi discloses in column 3 lines 18-27 alkylsalicylates meeting the limitations of the monoalkylsalicylates of type (B) of claim 1. Katafuchi therefore renders claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-9, 11, and 14-15 obvious for the case where only type (B) is present in the composition, and additionally renders claim 13 obvious for that case.

4. Claims 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katafuchi in view of Curtis.

This rejection is adequately set forth in paragraph 3 of the office action mailed 12/27/07, which is incorporated here by reference.

5. Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katafuchi in view of Papay.

This rejection is adequately set forth in paragraph 4 of the office action mailed 12/27/07, which is incorporated here by reference.

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6. Claims 1-4, 8-9, 11, and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chambard.

The rejections of claims 1-4, 8-9, 11, and 14-15 are adequately set forth in paragraph 6 of the office action mailed 12/27/07. When the alkylsalicylate of Chambard has only one alkyl group, it meets the limitations of the claims for the case where the alkylsalicylate of type (B) is present. Claim 13 is met for this case as well.

Response to Arguments

7. Claim 1 has been amended to limit the alkylsalicylates of type (A) to those where one of R^1 and R^2 in formula (1) is an alkyl group which has 10 to 40 carbon atoms, and the other is a hydrocarbon group which has less than 5 carbon atoms and may contain oxygen or nitrogen. While the references do not teach an alkyl salicylate meeting the limitations of type (A) of amended claim 1, Katafuchi and Chambard do teach an alkylsalicylate meeting the limitations of type (B) of claim 1, as discussed in the office action mailed 12/27/07. As the alkylsalicylate of type (A) is an optional component, and can be replaced by the alkylsalicylate of type (B), the claims are still obvious over the references of record.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Goloboy whose telephone number is (571)272-2476. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Caldarola can be reached on 571-272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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